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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES,
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONVENTION WITH INSPECTOR
GEN. (HUYGHE) MINHEALTH MARCH 6 WHO JUST BACK FROM
COMMISSION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) MEETING IN GENEVA.
HE SIAD ON HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA HE RECOMMEDNED TO
MINHELTH THAT LAW BE PREPARED FOR RATIFICATIONOF SUBJECT
CONVENTION. HE DID NOT YET HAVE A RESPONSE FROM MINISTER.
HUYGHE NOTED RATIFICATION POSES TWO PROBLEMS FOR BELGIUM.
FIRST, IT DOES NOT WANT TO GET OUT OF STEP WITH OTHER
BENELUX PARTNERS, SPECIFCALLY NETHERLANDS WHICH HE
SAID IS NOT YET READY RATIFY THIS CONVENTION. OTHER,
AND PERHAPS MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM, IS FACT THAT TO
COMPLY WITH CONVENTION'S REPORTING RESPNSIBILITIES, MINHEALT
WOULD HAVE TO ADD MINIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE TO ITS STAFF.
IT CURRENTLY TRYING OBTAIN FUNDS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL

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PEOPLE TO PROCESS INFORMATION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS FOR

WHICH IT ALREADY HAS COMPUTER CAPABILITY.
THIS ACTIVITY WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER PSYCHOTROPIC
SUBSTANCES REPORTING.

2. HUYGHE ALSO SAID HE WAS APPROACHED IN GENEVA BY
"CERTAIN PEOPLE" WHO WANTED TO KNOW IF BELGIM (HUYGHE)
COULD SERVE ON CND. HE HAS REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR HIS
CANDIDACY FROM MINHEALTH AND ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM.
IF HUYGHE IS CANDIDATE, HE HOPES U.S. WILL SUPPORT HIM.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON THIS CONVERSATION BELIEVE
THAT ESTIMATE OF MFA OFFICIAL (REF A) THAT BELGIUM
WILL NOT BE ABLE RATIFY CONVENTION IN 1975 REMAINS
VALID. IF BELGIM IS ELECTED TO CND, THIS COULD INCREASE
MINHEALTH INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG COOPERATION.
WE HOPE HUYGHE'S CANDIDACY CAN BE SUPPORTED BY U.S.
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